

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Selectmen present were David Dwyer, Betsy Coes and James McIlroy. Others present were Brian Knipstein, Chief Art Reed, Jacob Randlett, Russell Prescott, Wes Moore and Wendy Chase.

Jacob Randlett was in to observe the meeting as a requirement for earning his communication merit badge for the Scouts. His Uncle Russell Prescott accompanied him.

Brian informed the Selectmen that the Route 85 Bridge will be officially closed to all traffic on Friday, August 27, 2004. Jersey Barriers will be placed at each end of the bridge.

Adam Chestnut from DOT has been in touch with the Country Store in regards to the "Store Open" signs the State will provide.

Chief Reed presented a personnel plan draft for the Selectmen to review. The Selectmen will review the proposed plan and make any suggestions or changes. They will discuss it again in two weeks.

A motion was made and seconded to go into non public at 7:00pm pursuant to RSA91A:3II(a). The Selectmen discussed a police personnel issue with Chief Reed. The Selectmen adjourned non public session at 7:20pm.

Fran Lane informed the Selectmen that the closing on the Barbara Byrne Conservation Easement is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2004.

The Selectmen signed the paperwork pertaining to the Gilmore Conservation Easement. The closing is scheduled for Monday, August 30, 2004.

Fran discussed a proposed Conservation Easement transfer with the Selectmen. He has received a proposed Purchase & Sales agreement and Conservation Easement draft on the Cole property.

Wendy was directed to contact Bill Doucet and request two copies of the survey plan showing excluded areas. Wendy will forward a copy to Fran.

Fran made changes to the disclaimer on the Web Site. He informed Barbara that it was okay to launch the site.

A reimbursement check was signed.

The Town Hall rental fee was discussed. Wendy gathered rental fee information on surrounding Halls which the Selectmen reviewed. Betsy made a motion to increase the non resident fee from \$75.00 to \$150.00 with a separate check of \$50.00 for a security deposit which would be refunded upon a satisfied inspection of the Hall, James seconded and all were in favor.

A lien form was signed on a direct assistance case.

The MS1 report was signed. Wendy will send it to the Department of Revenue by September 1st.

The report from NHDOT on the Cuba Road Bridge was reviewed. Wendy was directed to give it to Brian Knipstein.

A municipal survey conducted by UNH was discussed. Betsy will fill the survey out and send it in.

Betsy will get together with Sue and Wendy to discuss the assessment survey sent to us by the State.

Betsy wrote a letter to Lucy Bell Sellers in regards to the Hilton Cemetery and granite markers. She read it to the Board and they agreed to have her send it to Lucy.

Betsy made a motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2004, James seconded and all were in favor.

Wes Moore was in to discuss his 40 acre parcel abutting his house lot. He would like to keep 2 of the acres that the barn sits on and asked if the Town would like to purchase the other 38 acres. He has a time limit on the sale of the property. The land is landlocked and has a conservation easement on it. The Selectmen explained that it would have to go before a Town vote in March. The Open Space Committee would take a minimum of 6 months to make a purchase if they were interested in it. The Selectmen suggested that Wes go before the Conservation Commission.

Wendy informed the Board that George Musler came in to discuss the flood zones and how it must be written in the zoning ordinance. Larry Shaw gave the information to the Planning Board.

Betsy made a motion to adjourn at 9:15pm, James seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase

